

## A Message from the Commissioner of Public Lands



DNR's mission calls for forward-looking stewardship and creating a sustainable future. By its very nature, this work is ongoing and cannot be achieved in a single day or a single month. Even a year is a short time in the cycle of our work.

The events and accomplishments that punctuated 2005 are part of a continuum—they build on the past and support the future. This past year, seeds sewn much earlier bore fruit in such projects as the Ahtanum Land Exchanges and in “green” certification for forested trust lands we manage in Western Washington. In addition, we planted seeds for future results by continuing to develop plans and policies—some site-specific (such as the management plan for Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve) and others overarching (such as the policy to protect old growth).

We teamed up with old partners and friends, such as volunteer groups, and we tried some new things, such as leasing out aquatic lands near Woodard Bay for conservation. ►

**PLANNING AHEAD, ADAPTING TO CHANGE, AND KEEPING THINGS RUNNING. THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

# 2005

Board of Natural Resources unanimously approves Sustainable Harvest Calculation for forested trust lands in Western Washington.



Independent Review Committee recommends increasing management expenditures, repositioning and diversifying trust land assets, and continuing to explore new markets and market niches for trust land product sales. The committee makes a total of 13 recommendations. [See page 5.](#)

Commissioner Sutherland and Governor Gregoire submit the application for the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan to the federal government. [See page 14.](#)



DNR joins with other groups and agencies to clean up cresoted logs from beaches on Whidbey Island. [See page 8.](#)

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Fiscal Year 2005 begins

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Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve (NAP)



There were surprises, too. In the face of drought we prepared to respond to increased fire levels, but found instead we needed to help in hurricane recovery.

The year also brought the biennium to a close, and I'm pleased to say we hit the target or surpassed 80% of our biennial performance goals, and that we came pretty close to meeting the rest.

All in all, we got a lot done in 2005.

In 2006 we'll continue to work with the legislature and other partners in a mix of efforts—planning ahead, adapting to change and keeping things running.

That is our responsibility as a state agency, and it is the ongoing nature of stewardship.

*Doug Sutherland*  
DOUG SUTHERLAND  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

## OUR MISSION

**+** To provide forward-looking stewardship of our state lands, natural resources, and environment. To provide leadership in creating a sustainable future for the Trusts and all citizens.

North Mason School District students join DNR for the 10th annual Students in the Watershed day at Tahuya State Forest. High school students who have been studying the forest share what they've learned with fourth-graders.



"Green" certification for DNR-managed forested trust lands in Western Washington.

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Board of Natural Resources adopts increase to upland RMCA management share deduction under legislatively approved 2-year budget proviso.

The School Fire, near Pomeroy, burns 52,000 acres of private, federal and state forestlands. Spreading quickly in steep terrain, it eventually destroys 109 homes and 106 outbuildings. Estimated total fire suppression cost (for all agencies) is \$18 million.



The first of 75 DNR employees are sent to the Gulf Coast to aid in hurricane recovery.

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Forest Practices Board approves new rules and resolutions to strengthen protection for the Northern Spotted Owl.

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"Geologic Map of Washington State" produced by DNR wins double honors—Best Geologic Map and Best Map of 2005—in the international Avenza 2005 MAPublisher Map Competition.

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